



# Brush Clearance Preparedness



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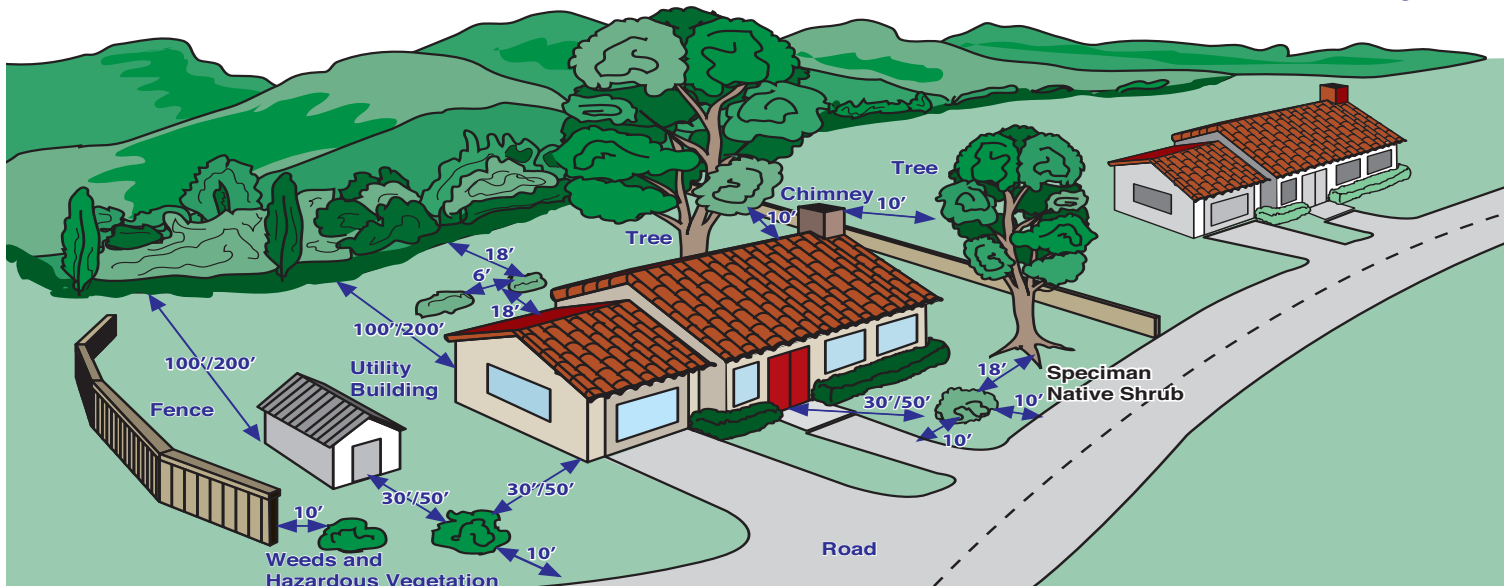
## HOME LANDSCAPING AND YARD

- ☐ **URBAN INTERFACE AREAS** - Remove flammable vegetation and other combustible growth within 30 feet of any structures. Thin out or remove vegetation an additional 70 feet from the structure to a total of 100 feet.
- ☐ **HIGH HAZARD AREAS** – The Inspecting Officer with the approval of the Fire Chief may require additional thinning out or removal of vegetation an additional 150 feet from the structure to a total of 200 feet.
- ☐ Single tree, ornamental shrubbery and ground covers may be permitted provided they do not readily transmit fire from vegetation to structure from radiant heat.
- ☐ Landscape with plants that are drought tolerant and fire resistant. Maintain plants!
- ☐ Space trees and shrubs a minimum of 15ft apart or three times their distance from other shrubs
- ☐ Trees should be spaced to allow a minimum of 30 feet between canopies at maturity
- ☐ Trees taller than 18ft., prune lower branches within 6 feet from the ground
- ☐ For trees and shrubs of less than 18ft. prune lower branches to one third of their height
- ☐ Maintain all plants by regularly removing dead branches and leaves
- ☐ Remove all stacks of combustibles materials
- ☐ Stack wood at least 30 feet from structures. Remove flammable vegetation within 10 feet of woodpiles

## HOME ACCESS

- ☐ Identify at least two exit routes from your neighborhood
- ☐ Post road signs to show traffic restrictions such as dead-end roads and height and weights limits of your road
- ☐ Clear back flammable vegetation at least 10 feet from roads and driveways
- ☐ Cut overhanging tree branches above roads to provide minimum of 16ft. of clearance
- ☐ Make sure street names and numbers are visible at intersections
- ☐ Post address on front of the house. If your house is not visible from the street post sign at front entrance of driveway or access road

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